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Applicant(s): Stefan Aurich et al.
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For: BRAKE SYSTEM FOR RAILWAY VEHICLES

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the official Office Action dated June 9, 2004, the allowance of Claims 1-12 is acknowledged.

Claim 13 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Grazioli et al. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 13 is directed to a brake system for a railway vehicle having at least two bogies. The system includes a main air reservoir line fed by a compressed-air generating device and a compressed-air line connecting the main air reservoir line to a check valve and a compressed-air reservoir on each bogie via a shut-off valve. The compressed-air reservoir of the bogie is connected to pneumatic brake units and auxiliary pneumatic brake units on each bogie.

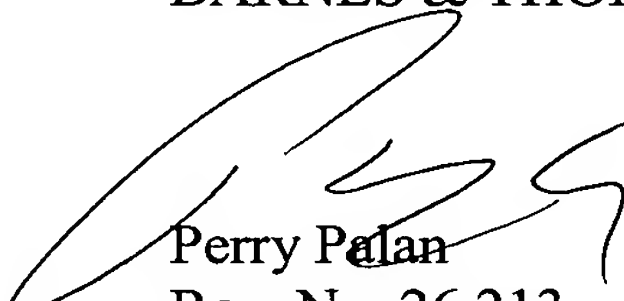
In Grazioli et al., the air line 9 fed by a compressed-air generating device 13 and a compressed-air line connects the air line 9 to a compressed-air reservoir 7 on each bogie via a shut-off valve 8. There is no check valve, as required by the claims, nor is it obvious to use a check valve since the compressor 13 and main reservoir 12 are only connected to the air line 9 during release position of the brake valve 14 (column 6, lines 9-10). Thus, Claim 13 is allowable over Grazioli et al.

Having met all of the requirements, the subject application is in condition for allowance. Thus, the passage of this case to issue is hereby requested.

It is respectfully requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response and shortages in other fees be charged, or any overpayment in fees be credited, to the Account of Barnes & Thornburg, Deposit Account No. 02-1010 (566/37416C).

Respectfully submitted,

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